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Boyfriend Convicted of Murder in Domestic Violence Case Sentenced

A 43-year-old Los Angeles man was sentenced today to up to life in state prison for forcing his girlfriend into his SUV and driving into oncoming traffic, killing her, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Jeffrey Minifie was convicted in November of the second-degree murder of his girlfriend, Lilian Janeth P., said Deputy District Attorney Scott McPheron with the Family Violence Division. Minifie also was convicted of kidnapping and evading an officer causing great bodily injury.

Shortly after 8 a.m. on Feb. 16, 2012, Minifie forced his girlfriend into his GMC Yukon and drove away. When he saw LAPD patrol cars responding to another call, he made a U-turn and veered into oncoming traffic as police gave chase. His SUV collided head-on with another vehicle in the 2400 block of West Sixth Street, killing his 36-year-old girlfriend, who left behind three young children.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case, BA394178.

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